

APPENDIX B – CORRESPONDENCE WITH AGENCIES AND PUBLIC NOTICES
AND NEWS RELEASES

November 7, 2001

Ms. Jennifer Bartlett
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Subject: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Proposed Gas Pipeline Corridor for Kingston Fossil Plant, Roane County

Dear Ms. Bartlett:

TVA proposes to construct a new gas pipeline to supply its Kingston Fossil Plant. The proposed line will be approximately 4.75 kilometers (2.95 miles) long with a 30 meter (100-foot) right-of-way. The line will be buried 1.2 meters (4 feet) below the ground surface. At the river crossings, the line will require a 61x61 meters (200x200 feet) right-of-way (ROW). No new access roads will be constructed for this project and all equipment staging areas will be contained in the ROW. Figure 2 in the enclosed report illustrates the proposed corridor. The entire length of the proposed line will be from Station 29 to Station 1. All pipeline alternatives and ROW easements are considered within the area of potential effect (APE) for this project. The sections of the line from Station 25 to Station 24 and from Station 9 to Station 1 were investigated as part of a previous survey for the proposed Kingston Rail Spur (Franklin and Frankenberg 2000). The section of the line from Station 24 to Station 22 is an alternative that is no longer under consideration.

An archaeological survey was recently conducted in the APE. Enclosed please find a copy of that survey report, "Archaeological Survey and Deep Testing of the Proposed Kingston Fossil Plant Gas Pipeline Corridor, Roane County, Tennessee."

The survey and deep testing identified three previously unrecorded sites: 40RE540, 40RE541, and 40RE542. A previously recorded site, 40RE47, was also revisited and investigated. TVA Cultural Resources staff has reviewed the survey report and concurs with the following findings and recommendations of the author:

- site 40RE47 is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion D;
- 2. sites 40RE540, 40RE541, and 40RE 542 require further testing to determine their NRHP eligibility; and
- 3. portions of the route should be altered to avoid the eligible and potentially eligible sites identified in the APE of the originally proposed route.

The routing alternatives proposed to avoid the sites are illustrated in Figure 13 of the enclosed report. This alternate was also investigated during this survey. This route passes over 40RE331, but this site was determined ineligible for listing in the NRHP during Phase II testing (Franklin and

Frankenberg 2000). The selected alternative for this project is the revised proposed gas pipeline corridor.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, we are seeking your concurrence with the APE as defined by TVA Cultural Resources, with the eligibility recommendations for 40RE47, 40RE540, 40RE541 and 40RE542 and the finding that those sites should be avoided. In addition, TVA Cultural Resources seeks your concurrence that the revised proposed gas pipeline corridor will have no effect on historic properties. We are also inviting the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, United Keetoowah Band, Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town to comment on this project.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Eric Howard at 865/632-1403.

Sincerely,

J. Bennett Graham
Senior Archaeologist

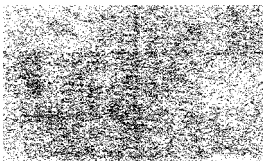
Enclosures

AEH:ADH

cc: Bruce Yeager, WT 8B-K

References Cited:

Franklin, J.D. and S.R. Frankenburg
2000 *Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey and Limited Deep Testing of the Proposed Kingston Fossil Plant Rail Spur Corridor*. Prepared by the University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology, for Tennessee Valley Authority, Cultural Resources Group, Norris, Tennessee.





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November 14, 2001

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RE: TVA, ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, KINGSTON FOSSIL PLANT GAS
PIPELINE, KINGSTON, ROANE COUNTY, TN

Dear Mr. Graham:

At your request, our office has reviewed the above-referenced archaeological survey report in accordance with regulations codified at 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739). Based on the information provided, we concur with your agency's definition of the area of potential effect for this undertaking and that site 40RE47 contains archaeological resources eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We further concur that the revised Pipeline Corridor, as defined in the archaeological survey report, contains no archaeological resources eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, this office has no objection to the implementation of this project. If project plans are changed or archaeological remains are discovered during construction, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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January 4, 2002

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RE: TVA, ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, KINGSTON FOSSIL PLANT PIPELINE,
KINGSTON, ROANE COUNTY

Dear Mr. Graham:

At your request, our office has reviewed the above-referenced archaeological survey and deep testing final report in accordance with regulations codified at 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739). We find that the report meets the Tennessee SHPO Standards and Guidelines For Archaeological Resource Management Studies.

If project plans are changed or archaeological remains are discovered during construction, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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